

REMARKS

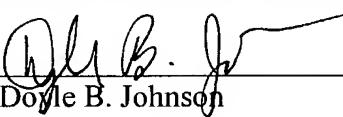
In response to the Office Action dated Sept. 22, 2003, the applicant provides the following remarks. Claims 1-21 are pending and the Office Action allowed all claims. However, certain informalities were noted. Specifically, the Abstract of the disclosure, page 11 of the drawings, and Figures 1 and 15 were objected to on various grounds. In response, the applicant submits herewith a substitute Abstract, and corrected Figures 1 and 15, designating the figures as prior art. In addition, page 11 of the drawings has been deleted, and the subject material has been added to the specification. Finally, a certified copy of the priority document is enclosed, along with a copy of the corrected filing receipt showing the proper claim of priority. The petition to correct the priority claim included an amendment to include a reference to the prior application in the first sentence of the specification, and the Examiner is requested to verify that this amendment has been entered.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees (or credit any overpayment) associated with this communication and which may be required under 37 CFR §1.78 to Deposit Account No. 50-2603, referencing Attorney Docket No. 351778.05500. A duplicate sheet is attached.

Respectfully submitted,

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